

TO THE
LOYAL SUBJECTS
OF
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FROM the various attempts that have been made to poison the public mind, and slander those who have had the spirit to adhere to their King and Constitution, and to maintain the Laws.

We, the Protestants of Dublin, assuming the name of ORANGE MEN, feel ourselves called upon, not to vindicate our Principles, for we know that our Honour and Loyalty bid defiance to the shafts of malevolence and disaffection, but openly to avow those Principles and declare to the world the objects of our Institution.

We have long observed with indignation the efforts that have been made to foment Rebellion in this Kingdom, by the Seditious who have formed themselves into Societies, under the specious name of *United Irishmen*.

We have seen with pain the lower orders of our fellow Subjects, forced or seduced from their allegiance, by the threats and machinations of *Traitors*.

And, we have viewed with horror the successful exertions of *Miscreants*, to encourage a Foreign Enemy to invade this happy land, in hopes of rising into consequence on the downfall of their Country.

We, therefore, thought it high time to rally round the Constitution, and there pledge ourselves to each other, to maintain the Laws, and support our good King against all his Enemies, whether *Rebels* to their God or to their Country, and by so doing, shew to the world that there is a body of men in this island, who are ready in the hour of danger, to stand forward in defence of that Grand Paladium of our Liberties, the Constitution of Great Britain and Ireland, obtained and established by the Courage and Loyalty of our Ancestors under the Great KING WILLIAM.

Fellow Subjects, we are accused with being an *Institution*, founded on principles too shocking to repeat, and bound together by oaths, at which human nature would shudder; but we caution you not to be led away by such malevolent falsehoods, for we solemnly assure you in the presence of the Almighty God, that the idea of injuring any one, on account of his religious opinion, never entered into our *hearts*: we regard every Loyal Subject, as our friend, be his religion what it may, we have no enmity but to the enemies of our Country.

We further declare that we are ready at all times to submit ourselves to the orders of those in authority under his Majesty, and that we will cheerfully undertake any duty which they shall think proper to point out for us, in case either a Foreign Enemy shall dare to invade our Coasts, or that a Domestic Foe shall presume to raise the Standard of Rebellion in the Land. To these Principles we are pledged—and in support of them we are ready to shed the last drop of our blood.

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